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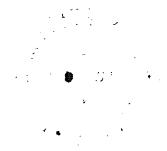
State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-ninth Legislature Second Regular Session 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2005

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MARC ALAN LEE.

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Marc Alan Lee was the first Navy SEAL killed in Iraq when he heroically sacrificed his life in the line of duty on August 2, 2006.

Born in Portland, Oregon on March 20, 1978, Marc Lee was an outstanding and dedicated soccer player and dreamed from an early age of pursuing a career in professional soccer. When a knee injury ended those dreams, he turned his perseverance and determination to a career with the Navy SEALs. Marc joined the Navy in 2001, and following a series of setbacks and medical illnesses, he went on to excel in his training and graduated second in his class.

In April 2006, Marc was deployed with ST-3 to Ramadi, among the most volatile and hostile combat areas in Iraq. During a tense combat situation, he twice put himself in the direct line of fire to draw attention to himself so that his fellow SEALs could help an injured soldier receive vital medical attention. On the same day, following this emotionally and physically draining experience, Marc willingly returned to Ramadi to hunt the insurgents who had attacked them. As he led a band of fellow soldiers into a house, they came under enemy fire and Marc again turned into the fire to defend his peers and was tragically killed.

In recognition of his tremendous sacrifice and heroism that day, Marc Lee was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He also received the Bronze Star with Valor for his earlier heroic actions when he exposed himself to direct enemy fire to provide cover for his teammates. In recognition of his courage and selflessness, his base in Iraq has been named Camp Marc Lee in his honor. Marc Lee will long be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him for his remarkable sense of humor, determination, bravery and faith.

Marc Lee will also be recognized by the Enduring Freedom Memorial, which is sponsored by Veteran's First. The Memorial was created in honor of our Arizona service men and women who paid the ultimate price and who were injured while protecting our nation. The Memorial will be displayed in the Wesley Bolin Plaza at the Arizona State Capitol and will be dedicated the spring of 2010.

It is important and fitting that we commemorate the contributions of Americans who bravely serve this nation and the profound sacrifice of those citizens who offer their lives in our service. Marc Alan Lee will long be remembered as a national hero for his incredible sacrifice to this nation and for his efforts to promote democracy and freedom for all people.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at the untimely passing of Marc Alan Lee and express their deepest sympathies to his surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 18, 2010.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 22, 2010.

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